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Education

American University, Ph.D. in Economics , Washington D.C.	2026 (expected)
<i>Merit Graduate Fellowship Recipient (Full scholarship for 4 years); GPA: 3.64/4.0</i>	
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, M.S. in Economics and Business Administration	2017
University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. in Economics, Minor in Arabic	2016

GPA: 3.4/4.0; LSC board member; graduated in 3 years total

Professional Experience

World Bank, Consultant , Washington D.C.	2022–2023; 2025–present
• Design research and analyze datasets on impact of AI on health, education and labor markets for World Development Report 2026 (the World Bank's annual flagship report)	
• Executed data collection and econometric analysis on health budget allocations, increased database from 25 to 110 countries in first of its kind dataset	
• Managed data collection activities on health and labor market measures to create experimental datasets for causal analysis, publish reports, and present evidence-based recommendations to stakeholders	
World Bank, Consultant , Beirut, Lebanon	2020–2022
• Managed data collection and econometric analysis of economic vulnerability, health and employment outcomes	
• Led a team of 30 enumerators, designed survey instruments, sampling framework, and quality control of data	
Siren Associates, Data Management Officer , Beirut, Lebanon	2020
• Led the identification and design of quantitative data collection activities in the security sector	
• Supervised 20+ enumerators (training and debriefing) for data collection	
• Provided rigorous statistical analysis of data for causal analysis and recommendations based on results	
Centre for Lebanese Studies, Researcher , Beirut, Lebanon	Aug 2019–Dec 2019
• Conducted quantitative analysis of refugee education projects in Lebanon in 40+ public schools	
• Modified survey instruments and engaged stakeholders (ministries, schools, NGOs) for research execution	
Department of Development Economics, Research Associate , Freetown, Sierra Leone	Feb 2019–June 2019
• Led impact evaluation for electrification project in 100+ rural sites, designed surveys for causal analysis	
• Coordinated field data collection with UNOPS and the Ministry of Energy, trained and led 55+ enumerators	
Guinness Atkinson Asset Management, Analyst , Los Angeles, CA	Feb 2018–Feb 2019
• Researched macroeconomic policies that may affect the market for our portfolio of mutual funds	
• Conducted presentations for clients and traveled to offices (New York, London, Miami, and others)	

Academic Experience

Catholic University of America, Adjunct Professor	Fall 2023–present
• Designed and delivered courses like Intermediate Macroeconomics, lectured students, created material	
American University, Teaching and Research Assistant	Spring 2021–present

• Published a coauthored paper, taught STATA labs for 20 master's students in applied micro/macroeconomics

Publications

- “Impact of political risk on emerging market risk premiums and risk adjusted returns,” **Research in International Business and Finance**, Elsevier, vol. 73(PA), with Ralph Sonenshine
- “Refugee Immigration and Natives’ Fertility,” **CEPR Discussion Paper** with Cevat Giray Aksoy and Berkay Ozcan

Other

- **Technical:** STATA, SPSS, Mathematica, ODK, KoBo Toolbox, Excel, Word, PowerPoint (Advanced)
- **Languages:** English, Arabic (Native); Spanish (Advanced)
- **Conferences:** PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (Presenter, 30% acceptance); AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2025 (Presenter, 7-17% acceptance); CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research 2024 (Presenter, 20% acceptance); Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (Presenter); Southern Economic Association, 93rd Annual Meeting (Presenter)
- **Fellowships:** J-PAL MENA Scholars Fellowship (2 years, funded, 6 positions available); Graduate Fellowship Recipient (4 years, funded, reserved for top 5 students in each cohort)